

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY - PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my citizenship, postal address and residence are as stated below; that I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one inventor is named below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the invention entitled:

**FILTER ELEMENT**

the specification of which

       is attached hereto, or

X was filed on 20 Nov. 1998 as Application Serial No. PCT/EP98/07487 and was amended on        (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56. I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)			Priority Claimed
<u>197 52 143.6</u>	<u>Fed. Rep. of Germany</u>	<u>25 Nov. 1997</u>	<u>yes</u>
(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year)	
<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>	<u>                    </u>
(Number)	(Country)	(Day/Month/Year)	

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

<u>(Application Serial No.)</u>	<u>(Filing Date)</u>	<u>(Status)</u>
---------------------------------	----------------------	-----------------

I hereby appoint as principal attorneys James F. McKeown, Reg. No. 25,406; Donald D. Evenson, Reg. No. 26,160; Gary R. Edwards, Reg. No. 31,824; Joseph D. Evans, Reg. No. 26,269; Herbert I. Cantor, Reg. No. 24,392, and Jeffrey D. Sanok, Reg. No. 32,169 to prosecute and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected with this application and any related United States and international applications. Please direct all communications to:

**Evenson, McKeown, Edwards & Lenahan P.L.L.C.**  
**1200 G Street, N.W., Suite 700**  
**Washington, D.C. 20005**  
**Telephone: (202) 628-8800**  
**Facsimile: (202) 628-8844**

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

**INVENTOR: Gunnar-Marcel KLEIN**

Citizenship: Fed. Rep. of Germany

Postal Address/Residence: Weinbergweg 13, D-73235 Weilheim, Germany

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

Page 2

Attorney Docket No. 178/48916

INVENTOR: Nikolaus MOSER

Citizenship: Fed. Rep. of Germany

Postal Address/Residence: Glemsgaustasse 26, D-71254 Ditzingen, Germany

---

Date

---

Signature